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Dear Ms Richards

**RE: Planning Appeal APP/E5900/W/17/3167832**

We are writing with regards to planning appeal APP/E5900/W/17/3167832- site at 14-16 Clegg Street, 13-15 Cinnamon Street and 125-129 Wapping High Street (hereafter known as the Site). An inquiry date of the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 has recently been set for this appeal.

We write to ask that you consider accelerating the programme for this application for the reasons outlined below.

The Mayor of London has a priority to deliver additional homes throughout London with a particular focus on boosting the level of affordable housing provision across the capital. As you will be aware, in the current circumstances, more than ever, the quick delivery of this priority is essential. This site has been identified as a key opportunity towards achieving these objectives, unlocking 41 residential units, of which 37% will be affordable.

As well as our commitment to delivering additional homes in London, TfL as the transport authority for the Capital has a responsibility to keep London moving. From 2018 TfL will lose public subsidy, meaning that it will need to be entirely self-funded. The delivery of this site will provide essential capital receipts in the 2017/2018 financial year to be invested into London's transport network.

The inquiry date of 12<sup>th</sup> December was scheduled to ensure that a Planning Inspector with specialist transport experience was available. Having reviewed the statement of case (please find appended) the London Borough of Tower Hamlets have confirmed that the only transport related issues are that the servicing requirements of the development may have an adverse impact on the safety or capacity of the road network. This issue is not considered complex, and it is something that most Planning Inspectors should readily understand. As such, a Planning Inspector with specialist transport experience is not considered necessary for this appeal.

To conclude, we wish to confirm that a Planning Inspector with transport expertise is not required for this appeal, and ask that you accelerate the inquiry programme for this appeal in order to assist in the delivery of affordable housing, and also to generate vital capital for investment into London's transport network.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lester Hampson', written in a cursive style.

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